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PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, UTILIZATION AND EXPORT OF BAMBOO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production, processing utilization and export pattern of bamboo during each of the last three years;

(b) the employment generation potential of bamboo production, processing and marketing of bamboo products;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate policy on utilizing bamboo production by launching programmes on research, plantation development, handicraft development and region specific marketing using technologies available for exports and through participation of cooperatives and self-help groups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Bamboo Mission during 2006-07 in 28 States to promote the bamboo sector in the country. The Mission includes components of Research, Plantation and Handicrafts Development, Marketing and Exports. The programme will be implemented through the State Governments, ensuring local participation of cooperatives and self-help groups.

One of the mandates of this Mission is to collect and compile data on production, processing and utilization of bamboo. However, the quantum of export of Bamboo in the country during the last three years is annexed.

The proposed National Bamboo Mission is envisaged to generate about 50.4 million man days of work by Bamboo Plantation activities in 1.76 hectares over a period of 5 years. In the nursery sector, the total estimated employment to be generated every year will be around 9.7 lakh man days. Besides this, there will be employment generation in both skilled and unskilled segments in the handicraft sector.